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<TEXT>I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair!

PS--Adding my personal comments, as a retired senior, this is not a reasonable, additional tax. Thos eof you who are able to work hjust do not seem to realize that when people are retired, evne if they have a part-time job, EVERY PENNY must be carefully considered before being spent. Yes, many of us live by counting the pennies. I didn't appreciate the hard fact of that kind of accountability when I was still working. I hope you all will please consider it now and do not put htis tax on us.

ThankYou

Mrs. Eger

Sincerely,

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